# **August 2006 Litigation Report**

Mayor McCoy & County Commissioners Tom Willi, County Administrator To:

From: Suzanne Hutton, County Attorney

Date: August 11, 2006

# Summary

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#### CASES FILED SINCE LAST MONTH'S REPORT

Monroe County v. Dept. of Community Affairs

06-2856GM

DOAH

Judge: Alexander

Date Filed: 7/21/06

Administrative challenge to DCA's rejection of County's ordinance establishing density bonus for affordable housing units measuring no more than 750 sq.ft.

**Growth Management/Planning** 

JDS

**Current Status:** Petition filed, referred to DOAH for hearing.

**Next Activity**: BOCC closed session 8/16/06.

Time: 2.0 Costs: 0.00

### CASES CLOSED SINCE LAST MONTH'S REPORT

Assoc. for Disabled Americans & Wisniewski v. Shipsway, Inc. 06CV10034

U.S.D.C.S.D.Fla. Judge: King Date Filed: 4/7/6

ADA suit against owner & some tenants at Shipsway office building.

Public Works/Facilities RBS

**Current Status:** Settled before County named as party.

Next Activity: Closed.

**Time**: 3.1 **Costs**: 0.00

In re: Meghan Cole 05-43879 RAM

Bankrtcy. S.D.Fla. Judge: Mark Date Filed: 10/17/05
Bankruptcy action by tenant of County property. County owed \$760.00 in rent.

Bankruptcy

Current Status: Discharge entered March 2006.

Next Activity: Closed.

Time: 1.0 Costs: 0.00

Monroe County v. Jack Hagopian

CAP 03-529

Circuit Court 16th

Judge: Garcia

**Date Filed: 10/1/03** 

Code enforcement collection action authorized by BOCC on 8/20/03. Fine exceeds \$300,000.00 as of 1/1/6 and accruing at \$250.00 per day.

**Growth Management/Code Enforcement** 

**RBS** 

**Current Status:** Settled for \$10,000.00.

Next Activity: Closed.

> Time: 46.5 hours Costs: \$801.70

Monroe County v. Joe Posada, III

CAK-03-1503

Circuit Court 16<sup>th</sup> Judge: Payne Date Filed: 12/18/03

Code enforcement foreclosure action authorized by the BOCC 4/18/03.

Growth Management/Code Enforcement

RBS

Current Status: Settlement approved by Court. Dismissed.

Closed. Next Activity:

CAY Time: 8.6 hours

Sierra Club, et al v. DCA, Miami Dade & City of Homestead

03-150-GM

Judge: Malonev

Date Filed: 1/17/03

County intervened in administrative challenge to amendment of Miami-Dade's comp. plan redesignating Krome Avenue to a major roadway (3 or more lanes).

**Growth Management/Planning** 

**JDS** 

Current Status: Petition denied.

Next Activity: BOCC directed staff not to appeal.

CAY Time: 6.0

Teal, Kimberly & Keith v. Michael Angel, Monroe County, et al CAM-04-404

Circuit Court 16<sup>th</sup> Date Filed: 12/16/04 Judge: Payne

Declaratory judgment action over road in City of Marathon.

Public Works/Roads and Bridges

PJM

Current Status: Voluntarily dismissed by PL on 7/14/06.

Next Activity: Close file after all documents are produced.

> Time: 22.6 hours Costs: \$1,220.83.

Walgreens & Gadinsky v. Monroe County

CAK-05-266

Circuit Court 16<sup>th</sup>

Judge: Taylor

Date Filed: 3/11/05

Cert. review of DOAH order upholding 1/6 findings supporting denial of major conditional use application for Big Pine Walgreens.

**Growth Management/Planning** 

**RBS** 

**Current Status:** Settled, remanded to Planning Comm'n for further action.

**Next Activity:** None. Closed.

**Time:** 49.8 hours **Costs:** \$425.85

In re: Winn Dixie Stores, Inc.

05-03817-3F1

U.S. Bankruptcy Ct., M.D.Fla. Judge: Jerry Funk Date Filed: 2/25/05 Voluntary Ch11 case where County *might* have a claim against the estate.

Destruction

Bankruptcy RBS

**Current Status:** County declined to file filing proof of claim because no evidence of basis to file one.

**Next Activity:** Close file.

**Time:** 1.0 hours **Costs:** 0.00

# CAY LITIGATION – Trial & Appellate Level See Outside Counsel Section for Cases being Handled Jointly

Acredited Home Lenders, Inc. v. Olga Ruiz & Monroe County CA K 06-543

16<sup>th</sup> Circuit Judge: Date Filed: 5/25/06

Mortgage foreclosure action on property County holds \$36k SHIP mortgage on.

Monroe County Housing Authority RBS

Current Status: County's Answer, Cross & Counterclaims filed 6/15/6.

**Next Activity:** Serve Olga Ruiz; Discovery.

Time: 5.7 Costs: 8.68

Aguiar, Alexander & Elizabeth Ginart v. Monroe County CA P 06-189

Circuit Court 16th Date Filed: 5/5/06 Judge: Garcia

Appeal from decision of Code Enforcement Special Magistrate

**Growth Management/Code Enforcement** PJM

Current Status: Appellant's brief over due.

**Next Activity:** Move to dismiss.

> **Time:** 0.9 Costs: 0.00

Ambrose, Thora et al v. Monroe County et al CA P 97-636

Circuit Court 16th Judge: Garcia Date Filed:12/11/97

Declaratory Judgment action claiming vested rights due to subdivision plats. Subsequent appeal of summary judgment order reversed and remanded.

**Growth Management/Planning JDS** 

Current Status: Voluntarily dismissed by Plaintiff.

Next Activity: Move to tax costs as prevailing party.

> M&H Billing to date: \$30,960.98. Costs: \$2,899.73

CAY Time: 2.5

Beyer, Gordon & Molly v. Marathon v. Monroe County & State CA M 05-313 Circuit Court (16<sup>th</sup>) Judge: Payne Date Filed: 12/14/5

Third Party claim by Marathon for takings case brought by property owners.

**Growth Management/Planning** RBS

Current Status: Third Party complaint filed 6/22/06; Mayor served 7/7/06.

Next Activity: County's responsive pleading due 8/27/6.

> Time: 3.2 Costs: 0.00

In re: Birch Telecom, Inc. 05-12237 PJW

U.S.Bnktcy.Delaware Judge: Walsh Date Filed: 8/12/05 Bankruptcy action by pay phone vendor which claims it owes County \$4.15.

**Administrative Services/Technical Services RBS** 

**Current Status:** Claim deadline passed 11/4/05. County's interest \$4.15.

**Next Activity:** 

**Time:** 1.0 Costs: 0.00

None.

Bond, James T. et al v. Monroe County

CA K 06-394

Circuit Court 16<sup>th</sup>

Judge: Jones

Date Filed: 4/21/06

Declaratory Judgment action seeking injunction against enforcement of flood plain regulations on downstairs enclosure that exceeded scope of permit.

**Growth Management/Building Dept./Code Enforcement** 

**RBS** 

**Current Status:** 

Settled.

Next Activity:

Await dismissal by plaintiff.

Time: 9.2

Costs:

0.00

Cutaia, Thomas v. Monroe County, MCSO, Pretrial Services CAK-05-617

Circuit Court 16<sup>th</sup>

Judge: Jones

Date Filed: 6/21/05

Complaint for unspecified damages. Mayor not served yet.

Constitutional Officer/MCSO

**RBS** 

**Current Status:** 

Inactive.

Next Activity:

None unless & until served.

Time: 0.6 hours

Costs: 0.00

D.B. Key Largo, LLC v. Monroe County Planning Comm'n DOAH 06-484

**DOAH** 

Judge: Johnston

Date Filed: 2/10/06

Administrative appeal of planning commission denial of an application for amendment to a major conditional use permit.

**Growth Management/Planning** 

**JDS** 

**Current Status:** 

Held in abeyance by agreement of the parties.

Next Activity:

Status report due 9/5/6.

Time: 3.3 hours

Costs: 0.00

Dorn, Kenneth & Katie Pearce v. Monroe County

CA P 06-203

16<sup>th</sup> Circuit

Judge: Garcia

**Date Filed: 5/15/06** 

Quiet title action challenging imposition of conservation easement.

**Growth Management/Planning** 

**RBS** 

**Current Status:** 

Exploring settlement options with plaintiffs.

Next Activity:

Responsive pleading due 9/7/06.

Time: 5.8

Costs:

0.00

Eads, Barbara v. Monroe County

CAP-03-117

Circuit Court 16<sup>th</sup> Judge: Garcia Date Filed: 2/27/03

Appeal of order finding the Lowe House to be in unsafe condition.

Growth Management/Code Enforcement

**RBS** 

**Current Status:** Historic structure being renovated.

**Next Activity:** None at this time.

**Time:** 4.8 hours **Costs:** 0.00

Evans, Ronald & Maryanna v. Monroe County & K.L.O.R. CA P 06-206

16<sup>th</sup> Circuit Judge: Garcia Date Filed: 05/15/6

Declaratory Judgment action seeking to enjoin entering into development agreement with Key Largo Ocean Resorts Co-Op, Inc.

**Growth Management/Planning** 

RBS/JDS

**Current Status:** Development agreement before BOCC 6/21/06.

**Next Activity:** County's motion to dismiss to be heard 8/3/6.

**Time:** 14.2 **Costs:** 0.00

F.K.C.C. & Last Stand v. D.C.A. & Monroe County DOAH 06-2449GM

DOAH ALJ: Alexander Date Filed: 7/7/6

Administrative challenge to ordinances adopting Tier system.

Growth Management/Planning

JDS/RBS

Current Status: Reviewing petition.

**Next Activity:** Final hearing to be held between 9/11 - 9/15.

Time: 4.0 Costs: 0.00

Fuchs, Walburga v. Monroe County CAK-01-1251

Circuit Court 16<sup>th</sup> Judge: Payne Date Filed: 10/5/01

This is a code enforcement appeal of an OSTDS case.

Growth Management/Code Enforcement RBS

**Current Status:** The Court sua sponte scheduled oral argument.

**Next Activity:** Oral argument 10/30/06.

**Time:** 11.5 hours **Costs:** 0.00

Good, Lloyd v. Monroe County

CA K 01-977

Circuit Court 16<sup>th</sup>

Judge: Payne

Date Filed: 8/9/01

Inverse condemnation action based on NROGO and declaratory judgment that owner be awarded permits for properties.

**Growth Management/Planning** 

**RBS** 

**Current Status:** 

County's motion to dismiss granted w/ leave to refile.

Next Activity:

Property owner to go through BUD process.

M&H Billing to date:

\$18,526.41 as of 10/31/05.

CAY Time:

26.25

COST: \$144.45

Graves, Frank III v. Monroe County

CA P 06-154

Circuit Court 16<sup>th</sup>

Judge: Garcia

Date Filed: 4/7/06

Code Enforcement appeal

**Growth Management/Code Enforcement** 

PJM

Current Status:

Appellant's brief over due.

Next Activity:

Move to dismiss.

Time: 0.5

Costs:

0.00

Hardin, Michelle v. Monroe County

CA K 99-1046

Circuit Court 16<sup>th</sup>

Judge: Miller

Date Filed: 9/3/99

Appeal of code enforcement decision.

**Growth Management/Code Enforcement** 

**RBS** 

Current Status:

Status review on pending motions.

Next Activity:

File County's brief.

**M&H Billing to date:**\$10,241.57 thru 8/31/05.

CAY Time: 6.5

lervolino, Joseph v. Florida Paving & Trucking

04-15398 SP 05

Miami-Dade Small Claims

Judge: ?

Date Filed: 6/15/06

Garnishment action for funds County allegedly owes Florida Paving & Trucking.

Public Works/Roads & Bridges

Current Status:

Garnishor dismissed action day after County served answer.

Next Activity:

Collect attorney's fees and close file.

**Time**: 3.2

Costs:

0.00

Johnson, Lloyd v. Marlene Conaway CA K 02-1248

Circuit Court 16<sup>th</sup> Judge: Payne Date Filed: 10/30/02

Writ of Mandamus challenge to boundary determination.

Growth Management/Planning JDS

**Current Status:** Status report from Judge's chambers pending.

**Next Activity:** If needed, schedule hearing on Motion to Dismiss.

**M&H Billing to date:** \$2,219.62 through 8/31/05.

CAY Time: 3.4

Kalan, Suzanne v. Monroe County CA P 03-155

Circuit Court 16<sup>th</sup> Judge: Garcia Date Filed: 3/11/03

Inverse condemnation action.

Growth Management/Code Enforcement RBS

**Current Status:** Held in abeyance pending BUD hearing.

**Next Activity:** Finalize motion for substitution of counsel.

**M&H Billing to date:** \$2,855.77 as of 8/31/05.

CAY Time: 1.0

Lee, Vera Estate of CP K 02-112

Circuit Court 16<sup>th</sup> Judge: Taylor Date filed: 5/14/02

County has claim in probate case for an elderly home loan & unpaid taxes.

Housing Authority & Constitutional Officer RBS

Housing Authority & Constitutional Officer

**Current Status:** Estate re-opened, CAY appointed PR.

**Next Activity:** Sell property to satisfy all liens, complete estate.

Time: 5.4 Costs:

McCole, Jeanine v. City of Marathon v. Monroe County & State CA M 05-314
Circuit Court (16<sup>th</sup>) Judge: Payne Date Filed: 12/14/5

Third Party claim by Marathon for takings case brought by property owners.

Growth Management/Planning RBS

**Current Statuts:** Third Party complaint filed 6/20/06; mayor served 7/7/6.

**Next Activity:** County's responsive pleading due 8/27/6.

Time: 1.4 Costs: 0.00

McIntyre, Edward v. Richard Roth & Monroe County 80-1721-CIV-WMH

US Dist. SDFIa. Judge: Hoeveler Date Filed: 7/8/80

Civil Rights action filed in 1980 over old jail facilities. Settled 12/1991.

Constitutional Officer/MCSO RBS

**Current Status:** Status report being finalized.

**Next Activity:** Status conference to be scheduled.

**CAY Time:** 13.0 **Costs**: \$86.77 (since March 2005)

Monroe County v. Matthew Bonnett CAK-05-911

Circuit Court 16<sup>th</sup> Judge: TBA Date Filed: 9/9/5

Code enforcement lien collection action authorized 10/17/04, \$78,000.

Growth Management/Code Enforcement PJM

Current Status: Discovery.

**Next Activity:** Bonnett's discovery responses due 9/1/6.

**Time:** 6.8 hours **Costs:** \$295.00

Monroe County v. Alain Y. Depierrefeu CAK-03-1504

Circuit Court 16<sup>th</sup> Judge: Jones Date Filed: 12/18/03

Code enforcement foreclosure action authorized by the BOCC on 4/18/03.

Growth Management/Code Enforcement RBS

Current Status: Default vacated.

**Next Activity:** Answer due 9/1/6.

V & B Fees billed to date: None Costs: 0.00

**CAY Time:** 6.7

Monroe County v. Alain Y. Depierrefeu CAK-03-1507

Circuit Court 16<sup>th</sup> Judge: Jones Date Filed: 12/18/03

Code enforcement foreclosure action authorized by the BOCC on 4/18/03.

Growth Management/Code Enforcement RBS

**Current Status:** same as previous entry.

**Next Activity**: Same as previous entry.

V&B Fees billed to date: None Costs: 0.00

**CAY Time:** 3.5 hours

Monroe County v. Dorothy Hough, et al

CAP-05-160

Circuit Court 16<sup>th</sup>

Judge: Garcia

Date Filed: 4/6/05

Action to collect unpaid code enforcement fine of \$61,850.00.

**Growth Management/Code Enforcement** 

**RBS** 

**Current Status:** 

Settlement agreement drafted.

Next Activity:

BOCC to consider settlement agreement in Sept. 2006.

Time: 17.4 hours

Costs: \$596.00

Monroe County v. James Jeanguenat

CAP-05 317

Circuit Court 16<sup>th</sup>

Judge: Garcia

Date Filed: 7/18/05

Collection action authorized by BOCC on 4/21/04. Fine exceeds 136,100.00.

**Growth Management/Code Enforcement** 

RBS

**Current Status:** 

Motion for Dismiss filed.

Next Activity:

Motion hearing TBA.

Time: 3.7 hours

Costs: \$275.00

Monroe County v. Key Largo Ocean Resorts Coop, Inc.

CAP-96-260

Circuit Court 16<sup>th</sup>

Judge: Garcia

Date Filed: 5/20/96

Action to foreclose a code enforcement lien.

**Growth Management/Code Enforcement** 

**RBS** 

Current Status:

Development agreement application being reviewed.

Next Activity:

Status report due with the Court 10/1/06.

Time: 41.5 hours

Costs: \$340.00

Monroe County v. Pedro Liz

CAK-05-420

Circuit Court 16<sup>th</sup>

Judge: Jones

Date Filed: 4/22/05

Collection action authorized by BOCC on 7/17/03; fines exceed \$816,300.00.

**Growth Management/Code Enforcement** 

RBS

**Current Status:** 

Guardian appointed, Answer filed.

Next Activity:

Discovery and/or settlement discussions.

Time: 10.1 hours

Costs: \$555.00

Monroe County v. Mary Ellen Lloyd

CAM-03-362

Circuit Court 16<sup>th</sup>

Judge: Jones

Date Filed: 12/19/03

Code enforcement foreclosure action authorized by the BOCC 4/18/03.

The total amount of the lien owed to the County is \$143,500.00.

**Growth Management/Code Enforcement** 

**RBS** 

Current Status:

Settlement offer to BOCC at July 2006 meeting.

Next Activity:

If not settled, mediation by 8/15/06.

V&B Fees billed to date: None

Costs: 0.00

CAY Time: 5.9 hours

Monroe County v. Arthur Mehr

CAP-05-348

Circuit Court 16<sup>th</sup>

Judge: Garcia

Date Filed: 8/5/05

Code fine collection action. Fine exceeds \$42,000.00.

**Growth Management/Code Enforcement** 

**RBS** 

**Current Status:** 

Discovery.

Next Activity:

Discovery.

**Time:** 13.7 hours **Costs:** \$850.00.

Monroe County v. James Messera, et al

CAK-03-1509

Circuit Court 16<sup>th</sup> Judge: Payne

Date Filed: 12/18/03

Code enforcement foreclosure action authorized by the BOCC 4/18/03.

**Growth Management/Code Enforcement** 

RBS

Current Status:

Discovery.

Next Activity:

Discovery responses due 9/1/6.

V & B Fees billed to date: 67.3 Costs: \$1029.03

CAY Time: 3.0

Monroe County v. Outland Properties

CAP-05-400

Circuit Court 16<sup>th</sup>

Judge: Garcia

Date Filed: 9/9/5

Collection action authorized by BOCC on 10/17/04. Fine over \$225,000.00. **Growth Management/Code Enforcement** 

PJM

Current Status:

Defendant served.

Next Activity:

Discovery due 9/1/6.

Time: 1.6 hours

Costs: 300.00

Monroe County v. Virginia Sawyer & Tony Welters CAK-03-1505

Circuit Court 16<sup>th</sup> Judge: Payne Date Filed: 12/18/03 Code enforcement foreclosure action that was authorized by the BOCC 7/15/03. Growth Management/Code Enforcement RBS

**Current Status:** Settlement negotiations pending.

**Next Activity**: If unsuccessful, move for summary judgment.

V & B Fees billed to date: None Costs: 0.00

CAY Time: 2.0

Monroe County v. Virginia Sawyer CAK-03-1506

Circuit Court 16<sup>th</sup> Judge: Jones Date Filed: 12/18/03
Code enforcement foreclosure action that was authorized by the BOCC 7/15/03.
Growth Management/Code Enforcement RBS

**Current Status:** Court approved settlement agreement, injunction, lien.

**Next Activity**: Enforcement if not compliance.

V&B Fees & Costs billed to date: \$11,745.44

CAY Time: 6.7 hours

Monroe County v. Louis Welters

CAK-04-639

Circuit Court 16<sup>th</sup> Judge: Jones Date Filed: 6/14/04
Code enforcement foreclosure action that was authorized by the BOCC 7/15/03.
Growth Management/Code Enforcement RBS

**Current Status:** Settlement negotiations pending.

**Next Activity**: If unsuccessful, move for summary judgment.

V&B Fees billed to date: None Costs: 0.00

CAY Time: 2.5

O'Daniel, John & Theresa Hill v. Monroe County

CA P 02-141

Circuit Court 16<sup>th</sup> Judge: Garcia Date Filed: 3/13/02

Appeal of code enforcement action and vested rights claim.

Growth Management/Code Enforcement/Planning JDS

Current Status: Mandate from Third DCA received 1/13/06.

**Next Activity:** Status inquiry with chambers pending.

**M&H Billing to date:** \$42,782.73 as of 10/31/05

CAY Time: 2.5

Neumont, Elizabeth et al. v. Monroe County 99-10054-CV

U.S. Dist. Ct., S.D.Fla. Judge: Paine Date Filed: 5/21/99

Class action challenging enactment of vacation rental ordinance.

Growth Management/Planning RBS

Current Status: On appeal to 11<sup>th</sup> Circuit which certified question to Florida

Supreme Court.

**Next Activity:** None, await ruling.

**M&H Billing to date:** \$123,563.24.

**CAY Time:** 0.5

Neumont, Elizabeth et al. v. Monroe County 04-13610-X

11<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court of Appeals Judges: TBA Date Filed: 7/15/04

Appeal of 99-10054-CV above.

Growth Management/Planning RBS

**Current Status:** Court certified question to Florida Supreme Court.

**Next Activity:** None in 11<sup>th</sup> Circuit until certified question answered.

**CAY Time:** 4.5

Oliveros, Joseph v. Ana M. Velazquez & Monroe County CA P 06-130

Circuit Court 16<sup>th</sup> Judge: Garcia Date Filed: 3/20/06

Quiet title action to property conveyed via tax deed.

Constitutional Officer/Clerk/Tax Collector RBS

**Current Status:** County has no interest to defend in case.

Next Activity: None.

Time: 1.8 Costs: 0.00

#### **CAY POST JUDGMENT CASES**

Evans, Brian v. Monroe County, et al 04-CIV-10033-JLK

U.S.Dist.,S.D.Fla. (Miami) Judge: King Date Filed: 5/6/04

Money Judgment of \$4,579.00 in favor of County & MCSO for rule 11 sanctions.

Constitutional Officer/MCSO RBS

**Current Status:** \$4,579.00 in fees awarded to County & MCSO.

Next Activity: Collection.

CAY Time: 9.5 hours Costs: 0.00

Monroe County v. William L. Davis CAP-04-181

Circuit Court 16<sup>th</sup> Judge: Garcia Date Filed: 4/15/04 Money judgment of \$27,600.00 for unpaid code enforcement fines and costs.

Growth Management/Code Enforcement RBS

**Current Status:** Final judgment of \$28,431.00 recorded w/ Dept. of State.

Next Activity: Collection.

**Time:** 6.2 hours **Costs:** \$56.00

Monroe County v. Dan Gleason SCP-03-165

County Court (Sm. Claims) Judge: Ptomey Date Filed: 8/5/03

Money judgment of \$520.00 for unpaid code enforcement fines and costs.

Growth Management/Code Enforcement RBS

**Current Status:** Final judgment recorded w/ Dept. of State.

**Next Activity:** Collection.

**Time:** 9.5 hours **Costs:** \$65.92

Monroe County v. Lily Marks CAK-03-1152

Circuit Court 16<sup>th</sup> Judge: Jones Date Filed: 10/2/03 Money judgment of \$795,270.00 for unpaid code enforcement fines and costs.

Growth Management/Code Enforcement RBS

**Current Status:** Final judgment entered for \$795,270.00 on 5/9/05.

Next Activity: Collection.

**Time:** 8.5 hours **Costs:** \$55.00

### POTENTIAL CASES THAT HAVE NOT YET BEEN FILED

Ballard, Kandi v. Bergen Trust and Monroe County

TBA

TBA Judge: TBA Date Filed: TBA

PI case arising from County's of Bergen property for hurricane debris.

**Risk Management/Engineering** 

**RBS** 

**Current Status**: Reviewing claim and information provided.

**Next Activity:** None until/unless suit is filed.

Time: 7.1 Costs: \$0.00

BOCC v. Donald Brown and Glenda Rentz

**TBA** 

Circuit (16<sup>th</sup>) Judge: TBA Date Filed: TBA
Code Enforcement Lien collections: BK11 Lt 9 & Lt 10 Coppit Sub

**Growth Management/Code Enforcement** 

PJM

**Current Status:** Complaint drafted.

**Next Activity:** Revise complaint, file and serve.

**Time:** 1.5 **Costs:** 0.00

Bott, Andrew & Donna v. City of Marathon

CA M 05-267

3D06-1261

Circuit Court (16<sup>th</sup>) Judge: Payne

Date Filed: 9/30/05

Declaratory Judgment action challenging validity of affordable housing deed restriction City of Marathon inherited from County at time of incorporation.

**Growth Management/Planning** 

RBS

Current Status: Appealed to 3<sup>rd</sup> DCA;

**Next Activity:** None pending appeal.

Time: 13.5 Costs: 0.00

Bott, Andrew & Donna v. City of Marathon

Third DCA Judges: TBA Date Filed: 5/24/6

Appeal of dismissal of CA M 05-267.

Growth Management/Planning RBS

**Current Status:** Reviewing record.

**Next Activity:** Bott's brief due: 9/1/6

Time: .5 Costs: 0.00

Calusa Campground Condo v. Monroe County, et al., TBA

Circuit Court (16<sup>th</sup>) Judge: Date Filed:

Threatened action by condominium resulting from statements regarding platting requirements by Growth Management personnel.

Growth Management/Planning JDS

Current Status: Investigating claim & preparing response.

**Next Activity:** Awaiting claimant's filing proper subdivision plat for approval.

Time: 2.5 Costs: 0.00

Cormier, Leonard TBA

Circuit Court (16<sup>th</sup>) Judge: TBA Date Filed: TBA

Personal injury claim arising from alleged injuries at East Martello

Risk Management/Public Works RBS

**Current Status:** Assisting Risk with investigation of claim.

**Next Activity:** Issue letter by 11/22/06.

Time: 0.2 Costs: 0.00

Good, Lloyd v. Monroe County TBA

Circuit Court (16<sup>th</sup>) Judge: Date Filed:

Bert J. Harris Act claim regarding two parcels of property owned by Lloyd Good. **Growth Management/Planning**RBS

Current Status: Settlement discussions underway.

**Next Activity:** Draft settlement agreement.

**Time:** 8.6 hours **Costs:** \$5.56

Hamelton, Charles v. KWRU & Monroe County CA K 04-740

Circuit Court (16<sup>th</sup>) Judge: Miller Date Filed: 7/6/04

Potential personal injury claim by scooter accident victim and/or utility seeking damages from the County. Handled jointly with Johnson, Anselmo.

Public Works/Roads and Bridges/Risk Management RBS

**Current Status:** County depositions concluded; County not a party yet.

**Next Activity:** None scheduled.

Fees Billed to Date: 0.00 Costs: 0.00

CAY Time: 14.1

Monroe County v. Estate of Thomas O'Brien

TBA

**Small Claims Monroe** 

Judge: TBA

Date Filed:

Action against estate to collect unpaid ambulance bill of \$861.81. Probate case is CP K 05-164.

**Emergency Services/EMS** 

**RBS** 

Current Status:

Settlement agreement approved by the probate court.

Next Activity:

Inventory filed; Awaiting payment.

**Time:** 3.6

Costs: 0.00

State of Florida v. Monroe County

**TBA** 

TBA

Judge: TBA

Date Filed: n/a

AG's Medicaid Fraud unit alleges over billings for ambulance services.

**Public Safety/Fire Rescue** 

**RBS** 

**Current Status:** 

Waiting over a year for AG's office to set up conference.

**Next Activity:** 

None scheduled.

Time: 9.2 hours

Costs: 0.00

Stewart, Becky v. Monroe County

TBA

Judae: TBA

Date Filed: TBA

Tort claim arising from accident involving County vehicle in Ocala.

**Risk Management** 

**RBS** 

**Current Status:** 

Negotiations stalled due to offsetting claims.

Next Activity:

Defend suit if filed; file suit if appropriate.

Time: 1.4

Costs: \$0.00

Watts, Margaret, et al v. Michael Hunter, et al.

37 2006 CA 1823

Circuit Court (2<sup>nd</sup> – Leon) Judge: TBA

Date Filed: 7/20/06

Class action filed against Florida Medical Examiners' Commission and 17 appointed district medical examiners seeking a refund of cremation fees that were not authorized by statute. Dr. Hunter will be retaining his own counsel.

**Engineering** 

**RBS** 

Current Status:

County not named as a party at this time.

Next Activity:

None unless & until County named.

**Time:** 1.5

Costs: \$0.00

### CASES BEING LITIGATED BY OUTSIDE COUNSEL

Ferencik, Libanoff, Brandt, Bustamante and Williams, P.A. (Ira Libanoff)

Monroe County v. Bender & Associates, et al Circuit Court 16<sup>th</sup> Judge: Jones

CAK-03-915

Date Filed: 8/4/03

Breach of contract and negligent misrepresentation action arising from the defective windows in the Gato building.

**Engineering/Construction Management** 

RBS

**Current Status:** 

Complaint amended to add additional DF.

**Next Activity:** 

Discovery.

Fees billed to date: \$102,658.50 Costs: \$12,720.38 (thru 4/20/06)

Monroe County v. Jose Gonzalez

CA K TBA

Circuit Court 16<sup>th</sup>

Judge: TBA

Date Filed: TBA

Possible breach of contract action against County's former architect.

**Engineering/Construction Management** 

**RBS** 

Current Status:

Discussions with Gonzalez

Next Activity:

Schedule meeting with staff & Gonzalez.

Fees billed to Date:

\$11,119.87 **Costs:** \$872.21 (thru 3/10/06)

**CAY Time:** 12.5

Monroe County v. Lodge Construction, et al

CAK-00-617

Circuit Court 16<sup>th</sup>

Judge: Payne

**Date Filed: 5/11/00** 

Suit against general contractor & its surety for breach of contract.

**Engineering/Construction Management** 

**RBS** 

**Current Status:** 

Motion to set before Senior Judge pending.

Next Activity:

Ruling on Senior Judge motion pending & trial date to be set.

Fees billed to date: \$298,595.26 Costs: \$71,523.31 (thru 4/20/06).

Tropex Construction Service, Inc. v. Monroe County CA P 06-44

Circuit Court 16<sup>th</sup> Judge: Garcia Date Filed: 1/30/06

Breach of contract suit filed by contractor who terminated contract to build Tavernier Fire Station before commencement of construction.

Engineering/Construction Management RBS

Current Status: Motion to dismiss pending.

**Next Activity:** Set hearing on County's motion to dismiss.

Billing Received to date: none.

**CAY Time:** 1.1 **Costs:** 0.00

Gray Robinson (Ed Scales & Monterery Campbell)

Neumont, Elizabeth v. State & Monroe County SC 06-1204

Fla. Supreme Court Judges: *en banc* Date Filed: 6/14/6 Certified question from the 11<sup>th</sup> Circuit to the Florida Supreme Court seeking guidance on proper interpretation of F.S. 125.66(4), ordinance notice provision.

Growth Management/Planning RBS

**Current Status:** Neumont's brief served.

**Next Activity:** County's brief due 8/29/06 unless extension granted.

Billing Received to date:

Time: 8.6 Costs: 0.00

Johnson, Anselmo, Murdoch, Burke, Piper, & McDuff, P.A. (Bruce Johnson, Mike Burke, Tammy Scrudders)

Bauknight, Skaggs & Rockett v. Monroe County CAP-04-451

Circuit Court 16<sup>th</sup> Judge: Garcia Date Filed: 9/24/04 Inverse condemnation/takings case filed by Jimmy & Nancy Bauknight, Teague Skaggs, & Kathleen Rockett for three lots on Big Pine Key. Mayor served 10/4/4.

Growth Management/Planning RBS

**Current Status:** Third party complaint against State filed 1/11/06.

**Next Activity:** Discovery.

Fees billed to date: \$832.24 Costs: 0.00

Bauknight, Skaggs & Rockett v. Monroe County 04-CV-10105

U.S. D.C. S.Fla. Judge: Moore Date Filed: 11/1/04

Inverse condemnation/takings case by owners of 3 Big Pine lots.

Growth Management/Planning RBS

Current Status: None.

Next Activity: None.

Fees billed to date: None Costs: 0.00

Bauknight, et al. v. Monroe County 05-10868-F

11<sup>th</sup> Cir. Ct. of Appeals Judge: TBA Date Filed: 2/11/05

Property owners' appeal of denial of attorney's fees against the County

Growth Management/Planning RBS

**Current Status:** 6/14/6 11<sup>th</sup> Circuit denied motion for rehearing. affirmed decision denying owners' fees. County awarded appellate costs.

**Next Activity:** None; await 90 day period for expiration of time to petition U.S. Supreme Court for certiorari review.

Fees billed to date: None. Costs: 0.00

Florida Key Deer v. Michael Brown & Gale Norton 90-10037-CIV-Moore
U.S. Dist. Ct., SD Fla. Judge: Moore Date Filed: 4/2/90
ESA case that resulted in permanent injunction barring FEMA flood insurance.
Growth Management/Planning RBS

**Current Status:** Injunction in place. 6/9/6, Federal defendants moved for two month extension to produce revised biological opinion and new RPAs.

Next Activity: On appeal, see 05-16374-II

Billing to Date: none Costs: 0.00

**CAY Time:** 33.8

Paulson, R.D. v. Florida Key Deer, et al

05-16374-II

11<sup>th</sup> Circuit

Judges: TBA

Date Filed: 11/10/05

Appeal of Southern District's injunction in 90-10037-CIV. County appeared as amicus curiae because denied intervention. See Case No.: 05-16990-II.

**Growth Management/Planning** 

RBS

Briefs complete. Current Status:

Next Activity: Awaiting decision by Court.

> Billing to date: none

**CAY Time:** 0.00 0.5 Costs:

Monroe County v. Florida Key Deer, et al

05-16990-II

11<sup>th</sup> Circuit

Judges: TBA

Date Filed: 12/12/05

Appeal of denial of County's motion to intervene in 90-10037-CIV.

**Growth Management/Planning** 

RBS

Current Status: Briefs complete.

Await decision by the Court. Next Activity:

> Billing to Date: None

CAY Time: 1.0

Florida Key Deer, et al v. Gale Norton (Sec. of Interior) 05-10063-CIV-KING Date Filed: 6/15/05

U.S.D.C. S.D.Fla. Judge: King

ESA challenge to F&WS review of construction of park on Big Pine Key.

**Engineering/Construction Management RBS** 

Dismissed with prejudice by agreement on 2/13/06 because Current Status:

revised biological opinion satisfactory to Plaintiffs.

**Next Activity:** Resolve any attorneys fees & costs motions.

> Costs: 0.00 Fees billed to date: \$612.50

CAY Time: 6.5

Hyland, Thomas G. v. D. Kolhage & R. Thurston 04-10102-CIV

U.S.D.C.SD.Fla. Judge: Highsmith Date Filed: 10/21/04

Civil Rights action against Deputy Clerk of Court by inmate.

Constitutional Officer/Clerk RBS

Current Status: Discovery.

**Next Activity:** Answers to interrogatories due July 24, 2006.

CAY Time: 8.6

Fees & Costs billed to date: \$33,695.01

Hyland, Thomas G. v. Danny L. Kolhage 06-12733D

11<sup>th</sup> Circuit (US) Judge: TBA Date Filed: 5/4/6

Appeal of dismissal of Clerk from Civil Rights suit for alleged actions of deputy clerk. Johnson, Anselmo is coverage counsel & co-counsel to CAY.

Constitutional Officer/Clerk RBS

Current Status: Dismissed by Court.

**Next Activity:** Close after hearing period expires.

**Time:** 1.6 **Costs:** 0.00

Billing to Date: none

FKCC & Last Stand v. FL Admin. Comm., Monroe County DOAH 04-2756

DOAH Judge: Carolyn Holifield Date Filed: 08/05/04

Administrative Rule challenge to partnership agreement with State.

Growth Management/Planning RBS

**Current Status:** Final Order in County's favor issued 6/29/05.

**Next Activity:** None pending appeal.

Fees billed to date: \$59,464.92 Costs: 0.00

CAY Time: 190.1 hours

FKCC & Last Stand v. FL Admin. Comm., Monroe County, et al 3D05-1800

Third DCA Judges: TBA Date Filed: 7/28/05

Appeal of ALJ's decision denying rule challenge in DOAH 04-2756.

Growth Management/Planning RBS

**Current Status:** Briefing complete.

**Next Activity:** Oral argument 9/20/06.

Fees billed to date: see DOAH case for fees. CAY Time: 0.5 hours Costs: 0.00

Hardee, Evelyn v. Monroe County

CAP-05-255

Circuit Court 16<sup>th</sup> Judge: Garcia Date Filed: 6/3/05
Tort action arising from alleged fall at PK Court house. Settled for \$25,000.00.

Risk Management/Public Works RBS

Current Status: Dismissed 6/7/06. Re-opened 8/2/6

**Next Activity:** Hearing set for 10/5/2006.

Fees billed to date: \$28,053.11 (thru 6/16/06).

CAY Time: 10.3 hours

Kessler, Stuart v. Monroe County & Tom Willi

CA K 05-1006

Circuit Court 16<sup>th</sup> Judge: Jones Date Filed: 10/11/2005

Whistle-Blower & Civil Rights claim by former employee.

Human Resources/Risk Management

RBS

Current Status: 4/11/6 Court dismissed 2 of 4 counts, 2 counts remain.

**Next Activity:** Depositions 8/11/06.

Fees & Costs billed to date: \$17,7776.92 (thru 2/1/06)

**CAY Time:** 36.9

Neuman, Kenneth v. Monroe County

CAK-04-663

Circuit Court 16<sup>th</sup>

Judge: Jones

**Date Filed: 6/21/04** 

Action for damages and to compel County to issue building permits.

**Growth Management/Planning** 

RBS

Current Status:

Discovery.

**Next Activity:** 

None scheduled.

Fees billed to date: \$2,326.92

Costs: 0.00

CAY Time: 5.8 hours

Riverview Consultants, Inc. v. Monroe County

CAK-05-373

Circuit Court 16<sup>th</sup>

Judge: Jones

Date Filed: 4/13/05

Case alleging tortious interference with contract by airport DBE subcontractor.

Risk Management/Airports/MCSO

PJM

**Current Status:** 

Discovery.

Next Activity:

Hearing on County's motion for summary judgment 9/7/6.

Fees billed to date: \$743.86

Costs: 0.00

CAY Time: 13.9 hours

## Paul, Hastings (Bob Freilich & Derek Howard)

Collins, Thomas, et al v. Monroe County

CAM-04-379

Circuit Court 16<sup>th</sup>

Judge: Payne

Date Filed: 11/22/04

Takings action brought by 11 groups of plaintiffs.

**Growth Management/Planning** 

**RBS** 

Current Status:

Discovery.

Next Activity:

Case management conference to be reset.

**Total Fees billed to date:** \$904,043.84 (thru 8/9/06) CAY Time: 158.8 hours

Costs: \$90,302.13

Emmert, Helen & Greg v. Monroe County CA P 02-520

Circuit Court 16<sup>th</sup> Judge: Garcia Date Filed: 10/2/02

Inverse condemnation and vested rights action.

Growth Management/Planning RBS/JDS

**Current Status:** Motion for summary judgment filed.

**Next Activity:** Hearing 10/12/06.

P. H Billing to date: None

**M&H Billing to date:** \$94,550.56 as of 10/31/05

**CAY Time:** 15.5

Galleon Bay v. Monroe County v. State of Florida CA K 02-595

Circuit Court 16<sup>th</sup> Judge: Payne Date Filed: 5/21/02

Inverse condemnation and vested rights action.

Growth Management/Planning RBS

**Current Status:** Drafting settlement of Third Party complaint against State.

**Next Activity:** Hearing on post trial motions 10/30/06.

**M & H Billing to date:** \$54,322.5 thru 1/25/06.

Paul, Hastings Billing: \$245,016.00 Costs: \$3,742.59

**CAY TIME: 56.5** 

# Vernis & Bowling of the Florida Keys, P.A. (Dirk Smits, Scott Black, Kerry Willis)

GAP Properties of SW Florida-I, Inc. v. Monroe County CAK-04-1321

Circuit Court 16<sup>th</sup> Judge: Jones Date Filed: 12/10/04

Cert. review of action involving failure to obtain plat approval of dock subdivision and an improper change of use without a major or minor conditional use permit.

Growth Management/Planning RBS

**Current Status:** None pending appeal. See below.

**Next Activity:** None.

 GAP Properties of SW Florida-I, Inc. v. Monroe County 3D05-2413

Third DCA Judges: Date Filed: 12/10/04

Second tier certiorari review of action involving failure to obtain plat approval of dock subdivision and an improper change of use without a major or minor conditional use permit.

**Growth Management/Planning** 

**RBS** 

Current Status: Certiorari denied 4/21/06.

**Next Activity:** None. Close once final bill paid.

Fees billed to date: trial court costs & fees.

Key Tex S. D. Condo Assoc. v. Monroe County & T. McGarry CAK-04-224

Circuit Court 16<sup>th</sup> Judge: Jones Date Filed: 3/2/04
Action to prevent County from denying permits because of ownership conversion

to condominiums and compel County to accept permit applications.

Growth Management/Planning

**RBS** 

**Current Status:** Amended order dismissing w/ prejudice 7/26/06.

**Next Activity:** Appeal deadline 8/26/06.

Osborn, Jeff v. Monroe County CAP-04-564

Circuit Court 16<sup>th</sup> Judge: Garcia Date Filed: 11/24/04 1 of 2 certiorari petitions challenging development approval of Northstar project.

Growth Management/Planning RBS

**Current Status:** Court denied petition 12/14/05.

**Next Activity:** None pending appeal.

 Osborn, Jeff v. Monroe County

3D06-52

Third DCA Judges: TBA Certiorari appeal of CA P 04-564 on Northstar Project. V & B handling.

Date Filed: 1/11/06

**Growth Management/Planning** 

Current Status: Certiorari granted directing Circuit Court to clarify standard it used in CA P 04-564.

Next Activity:

Await response from Circuit Court.

Billing received to date: see billings for CA P 04-564.

Osborn, Jeff v. Monroe County

CAP-04-565

Circuit Court 16<sup>th</sup>

Judge: Garcia

Date Filed: 11/24/04

2 of 2 certiorari petitions challenging development approval of Northstar project.

**Growth Management/Planning** 

**RBS** 

Current Status:

5/15/6 - Court denied certiorari.

Next Activity:

None. Appellate period expired, 6/16/06.

Fees billed to date: \$3,920.50 Costs: \$146.93

Assigned Assistant County Attorney

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